

REMARKS

Claims 1-92 were pending in the present application. By virtue of this response, Claims 5, 25, 44, 61, 76, 81, 86 and 88-92 have been cancelled and Claims 1, 6-8, 12, 18, 21, 26-28, 30, 37, 40, 45-47, 50, 51-53, 57, 62-64, 66-69, 73, 79, and 84 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-4, 6-24, 26-43, 45-60, 62-75, 77-80, and 82-85 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-8, 12, 18, 25-28, 30, 37, 44-47, 50-53, 61-64, 66-69, 76, 81 and 86 were objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of dependent Claim 5.

Claims 6-8 are amended to include the limitations of base Claim 1.

Claim 12 is amended to include the limitations of base Claim 1 and intervening Claim 9.

Claim 18 is amended to include the limitations of base Claim 1.

Claim 21 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 25.

Claim 26-28 and 30 and 37 are amended to include the limitations of base Claim 21.

Claim 40 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 44.

Claims 45-47 and 51-53 are amended to include the limitations of base Claim 40.

Claim 50 is amended to include the limitations of base Claim 40 and intervening Claim 48.

Claim 57 is amended to include the limitations of dependent Claim 61.

Claims 62-64 and 66-69 are amended to include the limitations of base Claim 57.

Claim 73 is amended to include the limitations of dependent Claim 76.

Claim 79 is amended to include the limitations of dependent Claim 81.

Claim 84 is amended to include the limitations of dependent Claim 86.

The remaining (all dependent) claims are not amended here, but are allowable as being dependent on a now allowable claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, all presently pending claims in this application are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. This amendment is entitled to entry under Rule 116 as putting all claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this amendment, withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Attorney Docket No. 590282001700.

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